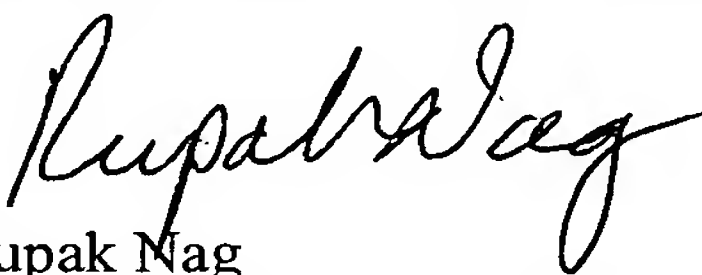


REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are now pending in this application.

Consideration of this application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at (612) 252-3335.

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